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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set any target to connect telephone exchanges with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be linked with OFC by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(d) the number of telephone exchanges connected with optical fibre cable in the country as on date, State-wise;

(e) the number of telephone exchanges are in progress; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No Sir, however as per NTP 99 Department of Telecommunications has planned to connect all the exchanges in the country with reliable media which includes Microwave, Satellite and Optical Fibre Cable by March, 2002 depending upon geographical location and technical feasibility for the concerned exchange. After Formation of Bharat Sancahr Nigam Limited (BSNL) it is also following New Telecom Policy 1999 (NTP, 1999), and plan to give reliable media to all exchanges by March, 2002.

(b) The exchanges planned to be connected with Optical Fibre Cable during the year 2001-2002 is given in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): State-wise details of number of exchanges proposed to be linked with Optical fibre cable by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan and number of telephone exchanges connected with Optical fibre cable in the country as on date are given in Annexure-II.

(e) Work for Optical fibre connectivity for total 3798 telephone exchanges is in progress.

(f) All the telephone exchanges are likely to be connected with reliable media by March, 2002.

ANNEXURE - I

S. No.	Telecom Circle	No. of exchanges to be connected by OFC during the year 2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	472
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	15
3.	Assam	40
4.	Bihar	169
5.	Jharkhand	125
6.	Gujarat	556

7 Haryana 70

8. Himachal Pradesh 273

9. Jammu & Kashmir 77
10. Karnataka 575
11. Madhya Pradesh, 1240
12. Chhatisgarh 295
13. Kerala & Lakshadeep Islands 26
14. Maharashtra & Goa 1974
15. Meghalaya 16]
16. Mizoram 9] N.E.-I
17. Tripura 6]
18. Arunachal Pradesh 7 }
19. Manipur 3 } N.E.-II
20. Nagaland 5 }
21. Orissa 143
22. Punjab 455
23. Rajasthan 847
24. Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry 345
25. Uttar Pradesh 950 (UPE-800 and UPW-150)
26. Uttranchal 95
27. West Bengal, Sikkim 615

ANNEXURE - II

S. No.	Telecom Circle	No. of Exchanges proposed to be linked by OFC by end of Ninth Five Year Plan	No. of exchanges connected with OFC in the country as on date
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2469	1997
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	30	15
3.	Assam	277	237
4.	Bihar	659	490
5.	Jharkhand	356	227
6.	Gujarat	2020	1464
7	Haryana	776	706
8.	Himachal Pradesh	577	304
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	204	127
10.	Karnataka	2221	1646
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2238	998
12.	Chhatisgarh	474	179
13.	Kerala	974	948
14.	Maharashtra & Goa	3627	1653
15.	Meghalaya	26	10 }
16.	Mizoram	16	7 } N.E.-I
17.	Tripura	8	2 }
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	13	6]
19.	Manipur	9	6] N.E.-II
20.	Nagaland	9	4]
21.	Orissa	927	784
22.	Punjab	1122	667

23.	Rajasthan	1808	961
24.	Tamil Nadu,Pondicherry	1662	1317
25.	Uttar Pradesh	2550 (UPE-1900&UPW-650)	1600 (UPE-1100&UPW-500)
26.	Uttranchal	267	172
27.	West Bengal, Sikkim	1159	544